

# Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement (TEA) Grant Program Application Guidelines and Instructions

Cycle 32 (TEA32) Fiscal Year 2024–25

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# **Grant Cycle Overview**

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) offers the Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Program pursuant to Section 42889(b)(4) of the Public Resources Code. The purpose of the grant is to provide sufficient, stable, and non-competitive funding to California jurisdictions for the enforcement of waste tire permitting, hauling and storage laws.

This resource document provides applicants with instructions to access and complete the application online and information about grant administration. The web-based application is in CalRecycle's <u>Grants Management System (GMS)</u> (https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/Grants/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fGrants). The applicant will need to sign in to GMS to complete and submit an application.

**Note:** The following terms used in this document are defined below, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- "Applicant" refers to either the legal name of the entity that is legally responsible
  for grant administration and any entity that will receive and control grant funded
  equipment, if awarded, or to a person who is completing an application on behalf
  of the Applicant (this is usually the primary contact listed on the application, but
  could also be the secondary contact, signature authority, or consultant).
- "You" refers to a person who is completing the application on behalf of the Applicant.
- "Grantee" refers to an applicant after approval of grant award.

### **Timeline**

### November 19, 2024: Application Due Date

- Applicants must submit applications in GMS by 11:59 p.m. on this date.
- Customer service will be available until 4:00 p.m. on this date.

#### December 19, 2024: Secondary Due Date

Approved Resolution and any other Applicant's Required Authorization
 Documents must be uploaded in GMS by this date if it was not submitted with the application.

#### February/March 2025 (tentative): Grants Awarded

 CalRecycle considers funding recommendations, and if approved, conditionally awards grants during this month.

June 30, 2025—September 30, 2026: Grant Term

For milestones that take place during the grant term, refer to the Procedures and Requirements document.

# **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants: city, county, or city and county that work closely with a managing entity to implement and oversee the program.

### **Managing Entity**

All applicants must designate a managing entity to implement and oversee the Program. The managing entity must be one of the following:

- A Local Enforcement Agency.
- An Environmental Health Agency, department, office, etc.
- A Code Enforcement Agency, department, office, etc.
- An agency, department, or office, which has inspection and code enforcement authority, experience, and capability.

### **New Applicants**

New applicants are those cities or counties that did not receive a TEA grant award for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023–24 (TEA31 cycle). New applicants must meet the following requirements at the time of application:

- Counties must have 50 or more active businesses in their jurisdictions with Tire Program Identification (TPID) numbers.
- Cities must have 100 or more active<sup>1</sup> businesses in their jurisdictions with TPID numbers.

New applicants that are under the jurisdiction of an existing TEA grantee, and that are also applying for a TEA grant may apply for this grant only if the new applicant:

- Meets the eligibility requirements of this program.
- Notifies the existing grantee and CalRecycle before submitting an application.
- Meets with the existing grantee and CalRecycle.
- Demonstrates that complementary services are needed in its jurisdiction(s).

### **Reapplying Grantees**

Reapplying grantees are applicants that received a grant award in FY 2023–24 (TEA31 cycle). Reapplying grantees must meet the following TPID number requirements:

- Counties must have 50 or more active<sup>1</sup> businesses in their jurisdictions with TPID numbers.
- Cities must have 100 or more active<sup>1</sup> businesses in their jurisdictions with TPID numbers.

The city, county, or city and county is eligible to apply for a TEA grant if it satisfactorily performed in accordance with its TEA30 Grant Agreement, including, but not limited to, the Terms and Conditions, Procedures and Requirements, Inspection Priority Work Plan, and Budget. CalRecycle will use joint field inspections, Mid-year and Final TEA30 Performance Reports, and other performance measures to determine if a reapplying grantee has satisfactorily performed in the TEA30 grant cycle.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Active" means the *Business Status* is "Active" in CalRecycle's Waste Tire Management System (WTMS).

Listed below are examples of performance measures and standards that may be considered to determine if a reapplying grantee performed satisfactorily in prior grant cycles:

- Complied with all requirements of the Grant Agreement.
- Submitted complete Progress Reports, Payment Requests, and other required grant documents according to grant agreement timelines.
- Completed at least 80 percent of inspections estimated in the application in accordance with the **Inspection Priorities** as described in the Procedures and Requirements.
- Expended at least 80 percent of awarded funds on eligible and approved items and activities.
- Submitted complete Progress Reports, Payment Requests, and other required grant documents according to grant agreement timelines.
- Attended all mandatory training.
- Complied with all requirements of the Grant Agreement.

CalRecycle staff will work closely with reapplying grantees that did not perform satisfactorily. If a reapplying grantee did not perform satisfactorily, staff may recommend that no award be granted for FY 2024–25 (TEA32).

### **Collaborative Application**

Two or more eligible entities may agree to submit a Collaborative Application. A Collaborative Application requires one of the eligible entities to act as the Lead Collaborative Jurisdiction (Lead) and the other entities will be Participating Collaborative Jurisdiction(s). Under a Collaborative Application, a Participating Jurisdiction grants permission for the Lead to perform waste tire enforcement activities in its jurisdiction. If a jurisdiction is a Participating Collaborative Jurisdiction(s) in a Collaborative Application, it may not apply individually. The following examples describe requirements for the different types of Collaborative Applications:

### County/County

Two or more counties agree to collaborate. The counties agree that one county will submit a Collaborative Application for a TEA grant as the Lead with the other county/counties listed as a Participating Jurisdiction(s) on the application. The Lead will perform waste tire enforcement activities in the Participating Jurisdiction(s). All members of a collaborative application must submit a resolution from their governing body. An application for the Pilot Internship Grant Program must be submitted as a County/County collaborative application. The resolution for this special program is not subject to the secondary due date requirement if additional time is needed to complete this requirement.

#### Cities within the Same County

Two or more cities within the same county agree to collaborate. The cities agree that one city will submit a Collaborative Application for a TEA grant as the Lead with the other city/cities listed as Participating Jurisdiction(s) the application. The Lead will perform waste tire enforcement activities in the Participating Jurisdiction(s). Both the Lead and the Participating Jurisdiction(s) are required to submit resolutions.

### Cities Collaborating with a Different County or with a City in a Different County

A county may also collaborate with a city from an adjacent county. If a city is not receiving waste tire enforcement services from the county in which it is located, the city may collaborate with another county or a city outside of its county. Both the Lead and the Participating Jurisdiction(s) are required to submit resolutions. In addition, the Lead must obtain a Letter of Permission from the County Administrator's Office of the county in which enforcement action will be taken.

See Application Documents, Resolution for Collaborative Applicants, and Letter of Permission sections, for further information on additional Collaborative Application requirements.

**Note:** An incorporated city that is not an active TEA grantee does not need to become a Collaborative Jurisdiction with its own county when the county is a TEA grantee and conducts inspections on the city's behalf.

# **Individual Application**

An Individual Application is one in which a single eligible entity will be responsible for grant implementation. The applicant in an Individual Application will be responsible for the performance of the grant and all related documentation. In addition, the applicant will be the only entity receiving any real or personal property that is purchased with grant funds.

# **Eligible Projects/Products**

CalRecycle is responsible for performing all activities related to enforcing waste tire permitting, hauling, and storage laws and regulations. When a local jurisdiction receives a TEA grant and becomes a grantee, it is authorized to enforce waste tire laws and regulations under CalRecycle's authority, not its own. Some grantees or managing entities have authority as Local Enforcement Agencies or code enforcement agencies; however, that authority is not applicable to the waste tire enforcement program.

**County** grantees may perform waste tire activities in the following areas:

- The unincorporated area of its own county.
- The incorporated areas of all cities within the boundaries of the county that are not TEA grantees nor Participating Collaborative Jurisdictions on any other jurisdiction's TEA grant application.
- The unincorporated and incorporated area of any Participating Collaborative Jurisdiction(s).

**City** grantees may perform waste tire activities in the following areas:

- The incorporated area of its own city.
- The unincorporated and incorporated areas of any Participating Collaborative Jurisdiction(s).

City and county grantees may perform waste tire activities in the following areas:

The unincorporated and incorporated areas of its own city and county.

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25)

 The unincorporated and incorporated areas of any Participating Collaborative Jurisdiction(s).

### Available Funds

- \$6,250,000 is available for this grant cycle, fiscal year 2024–25, subject to funding availability.
- Applicants may request the maximum award amount allowed for their qualifying populations. The maximum award for any applicant is:
  - \$350,000 for applicants with qualifying populations of 1 to 900,000.
  - o \$500,000 for applicants with qualifying populations of 900,001 to 2,000,000.
  - o \$650,000 for applicants with qualifying populations of 2,000,001 or more.

### **Determining Maximum Awards**

Qualifying populations for maximum award amounts are determined using population data published in the California Department of Finance report, <u>E-1 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State with Annual Percent Change</u> (https://dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Demographics/estimates-e1/). This report is generally

(https://dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Demographics/estimates-e1/). This report is generally published in May of each year.

The following is a description of how an applicant's qualifying population is determined:

For a **county applicant**, the qualifying population includes all the following:

- The population of the unincorporated area of the applicant county and the population of all incorporated cities within the boundaries of the county that are not included on any other TEA application.
- The population of the unincorporated and incorporated areas of any Participating Collaborative Jurisdiction(s).

For a **city applicant**, the qualifying population includes all the following:

- The population of the incorporated area of the applicant city.
- The population of the unincorporated and incorporated areas of any Participating Collaborative Jurisdiction(s).

For a city and county applicant, the qualifying population includes all the following:

- The population of the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the applicant city and county.
- The population of the unincorporated and incorporated areas of any Participating Collaborative Jurisdiction(s).

### **Grant Term**

The Grant Term begins June 30, 2025. The Grant Term ends on September 30, 2026.

For detailed information about requirements within the grant term, refer to the Procedures and Requirements document.

# **Eligible and Ineligible Costs**

Grantees may incur eligible costs only during the Grant Term. For detailed information about eligible and ineligible costs, refer to the Procedures and Requirements document.

### **Indirect Costs**

For detailed information about indirect costs, refer to the Procedures and Requirements document.

### **Public Records Requests**

CalRecycle's policy is to make records requested by the public promptly available in accordance with the laws governing disclosure of records and information to the public. In general, all records in the possession of a state agency are public records subject to disclosure, unless a law provides that a particular kind of record or information is not a public record or is exempt or prohibited from disclosure.

Upon request, the entire contents of the submitted application are subject to public records requests. This may include contact information, project summary, uploaded documents, and scoring information. Public records may be requested from CalRecycle through the <a href="California Public Records Act Requests web page">California Public Records Act Requests web page</a> (https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Forms/ContactUs/PublicRecordsRequest/).

# Confidentiality

The following describes the treatment of certain confidential or proprietary information under the California Public Records Act (Government Code 7920.000 et seq.) and related regulations. It also describes how questions are resolved on whether information is truly confidential, the legal protections for confidential information, and internal and program procedures to maintain confidentiality.

### Confidential or Proprietary Information

Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR), <u>sections 17041–17046</u> (https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Regulations/Title14/), states that confidential or proprietary information shall include, but is not limited to:

- Personal or business-related financial data, customer client lists, supplier lists and other information of a proprietary or confidential business nature provided by persons in applications, reports, returns, certifications or other documents submitted to [CalRecycle] which if released would result in harmful effects on the person's competitive position.
- Tax information prohibited from disclosure, pursuant to the Revenue and Taxation Code.

Accordingly, appropriate documents submitted with an application that are clearly marked, on each page, "confidential or proprietary information" will be treated by CalRecycle pursuant to the procedures set forth in 14 CCR sections 17041–17046. However, the law does not treat documents marked as "confidential or proprietary information" (such as sales brochures, promotional literature and other general non-financial documents) as confidential if they do not fall within the categories of protected financial documents listed above.

### What if there is a question about what is confidential?

If CalRecycle receives a request to disclose data claimed by the applicant to be confidential, CalRecycle would notify the applicant of the request and state that the documents were under review to determine whether information was correctly identified

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as "confidential." If there was any question as to whether specific information was confidential, CalRecycle would contact the person(s) identified in the application to provide a justification and statement why the information is confidential. The process for evaluating confidentiality claims is set forth in section 14 CCR 17046.

# What procedures does CalRecycle have in place to ensure that confidential information is kept confidential?

Confidential or proprietary information will be evaluated and analyzed only by CalRecycle staff, kept confidential, and will be maintained with restricted access. Records no longer needed to provide the services offered under the grant program are periodically destroyed, when allowed by audit policies and state law.

# **Application Instructions**

# **Application Access**

The application is available in CalRecycle's web-based Grants Management System (GMS). Access to GMS is secure; therefore, you must have a CalRecycle WebPass to log in to the system. Those who have not previously obtained a CalRecycle WebPass can create an account at the <a href="CalRecycle WebPass">CalRecycle WebPass</a> page (<a href="https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/WebPass/">https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/WebPass/</a>).

### To start an application:

- 1. Log in to GMS (https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/Grants).
- 2. Select Apply for a Grant on the left.
  - All open grant cycles are displayed in a table.
- 3. Find Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Program TEA32: Fiscal Year 2024–25 and select **Start Application**.
  - A pop-up window will appear asking for contact information. If you have an existing GMS Account, the information may be auto populated.
  - GMS will automatically add you as the Primary Contact for the new grant application; however, you may update this later.
- 4. Click Save.

# **GMS Tabs - Application Contents and Instructions**

The components of the application are divided into tabs. To fill out an application, click on each tab and complete the sections in each tab as required. General directions are on the top of each tab, and detailed information about the requirements for each tab is listed below.

The applicant is responsible for a complete application. This includes signing documents, uploading required documents, and submitting the application by the due date(s). Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Program.

Examples of disqualifications may include:

- Applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements.
- Project is not eligible.
- Applicant fails to use required CalRecycle documents or forms.
- Applicant uploads incomplete or blank documents to the Documents tab.
- Signature Authority fails to sign Application Certification or any document that requires a signature.
- The online application is incomplete or missing information.
- Applicant fails to adopt an EPPP Policy by the secondary due date.

#### **Summary Tab**

This tab provides a summary of the application, due dates, resource documents and links, application documents, and the Application Submission section. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit all required documents, based on the particular grant application/project, by the appropriate due date.

### **Applicant/Participant Tab**

The applicant name is the legal name of the entity that is legally responsible for grant administration, if awarded.

- 1. Select the **Add Applicant/Participant** button and type in the **Applicant Name** and **County**. Do not enter your personal name.
- 2. Search the table for the correct applicant name and select **Add Applicant/Participant**.
- 3. Choose the **Lead Participant** radio button and click **Save**.
  - Every application must have a Lead Participant even if it is an individual application with no Non-Lead Participants.

If the Participant Search List does not contain your Applicant/Participant name:

- 1. Click on Add New Applicant/Participant.
- **2.** Enter the **Applicant/Participant Name** as it appears on the Resolution. Do not include the department or unit name. Do not enter your personal name.
  - List county names with the name first followed by the word "County," e.g., "Sacramento County."
  - List city names as "City of" followed by the city's name, e.g., "City of Sacramento."
- **3.** Complete all required fields then click **Save**.

For Collaborative applications, add the name of each eligible Non-Lead Participant and select the Participating Jurisdiction radio button.

For a list of eligible applicants, please see the Grant Cycle Overview section titled "Eligible Applicants."

#### **Detail Tab**

Complete this tab as follows:

- Enter a dollar amount in the Grant Funds Requested field. Do not exceed the maximum grant award amount (see "Available Funds" section above). Please round all amounts to the nearest whole dollar.
- 2. Enter the **Assembly Districts and Senate Districts**. To select more than one district hold the "Ctrl" key while selecting the numbers.
- 3. Enter the applicant's **Department Name**, e.g., "General Services." If the applicant does not have a department, enter the applicant's name.
- 4. Enter the grant payment mailing address.
- Project Summary/Statement of Use: Provide a brief, concise summary of how grant funds will be expended and how these funds will augment your local/regional enforcement efforts. Restrict this narrative to 600 characters maximum including spaces.
- 6. Select the appropriate option for the Resolution and optional Letter of Designation.

#### Contacts Tab

CalRecycle requires the application to have only one Primary Contact and at least one Signature Authority. Each application contact may be granted access by checking the

box on the top of the contact's detail screen. The contact will be able to log in to GMS using their own CalRecycle WebPass and access the application.

**Note:** CalRecycle requires a valid email address for the Signature Authority in order to route the Grant Agreement, if awarded.

- **Primary Contact.** One person who the Signature Authority or their designee has authorized to manage and oversee the grant. This person will be the first contact with whom the Grant Manager will communicate.
- **Signature Authority**. The person(s) authorized to sign CalRecycle documents, such as grant applications, grant agreements, etc., as authorized by a board/council-adopted Resolution or Letter of Designation (if applicable).
- **Secondary Contact**. A person authorized (by the Primary Contact or Signature Authority or their designee) as the alternate person with whom the Grant Manager will communicate. (Not required.)
- **Consultant.** A professional who provides advice in an area of expertise. If CalRecycle awards a grant to the applicant, the consultants may manage the grant or only conduct specific activities, based on a written agreement between the applicant and the consultant outlining work to be performed. (Not required.)
- Participant Signature Authority. (Applicable to Cooperative applications only)
   The person(s) authorized to sign documents on behalf of their organization, as authorized by a Letter of Commitment, Resolution, or Letter of Designation.

### **Budget Tab**

Complete the budget document provided in GMS and follow the steps below.

- 1. Transfer the total of each budget category from the budget document into the Budget tab of GMS.
  - a. Budget amounts in the budget document must match those entered in the Budget tab.
  - b. The total amounts entered in the Budget tab of GMS must equal the Grant Funds Requested amount shown in the Detail tab.
- 2. Upload the budget document in Excel format to the Documents tab of GMS.

Utilizing a document form other than the official CalRecycle versions, tampering with the CalRecycle version, or otherwise circumventing imposed character limits, may subject the applicant to disqualification.

#### **Documents Tab**

See the Application Documents Section in the Summary tab for documents that must be uploaded in the Documents tab.

When uploading a document, enter a document title, select the appropriate document type from the drop-down list, and enter the date that it was executed/signed, if applicable, or select "today's date."

Utilizing a document form other than the official CalRecycle versions, tampering with the CalRecycle version, or otherwise circumventing imposed character limits may subject the applicant to disqualification.

# **Application Submittal and Deadline**

The **Submit Application** button located in the Summary tab will be enabled after all required documents have been uploaded.

Click the **Submit Application** button and the application status will change to **Application Submitted**. You can only submit the application once; however, you may upload the following documents until the secondary due date: Resolution, Letter of Designation, Letter of Permission.

You must submit your application no later than 11:59 p.m. on November 19, 2024. Customer service will be available until 4:00 p.m. on the application due date either by emailing <a href="mailto:grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov">grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov</a> or calling (916) 324-1219; however, there is no guarantee CalRecycle will be able to provide support if there is an influx of inquiries on the due date.

**Note:** Applications that are not submitted by the due date will be deleted from GMS.

# **Application Documents**

Below is a list of all documents required for a complete application. Instructions on how to obtain all documents are described below.

- 1. Application Certification
- 2. Budget
- 3. Cost Allocation Plan
- 4. Resolution Lead Participant
- 5. TEA Staff Roster

# **CalRecycle Documents**

CalRecycle documents are accessible through the Summary tab in the Application Documents section. To access a document, click on the link, open it up, fill it out, save it to your computer, and upload it to the Documents tab. If you are having trouble with a document, email grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov or call (916) 324-1219.

Altered or reproduced CalRecycle documents or templates may result in automatic disqualification of your application. Unless a document specifies that it may be reproduced as necessary, **do not** alter CalRecycle documents.

**Note:** Do not include special characters in file names. Doing so may result in automatic disqualification of your application.

### **Application Certification**

The Application Certification is a required application document that must be generated from GMS.

After you have completed each tab of the application and uploaded the required documents, generate the Application Certification.

- 1. Click "Print Application Certification" under the Application Submission section of the Summary tab.
  - a. **Note:** You will not be able to click "Print Application Certification" until each tab of the application is completed and all required application documents have been uploaded.
- 2. Signature Authority signs Application Certification.
- 3. Upload the signed Application Certification to the Documents tab.

#### Budget

Applicants are required to submit a Budget. Complete the Budget document available for download in the Summary Tab of GMS. The completed Excel budget document must be uploaded in the Documents tab (do not convert the Excel budget document into another format) and the category budget amounts must match those entered in the Budget tab. The total must equal the amount of Grant Funds Requested on the Detail tab.

A description must be provided for each budget line item included. Instructions for this requirement are included on the budget document. Line item descriptions must be

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A unique budget document will be provided that includes additional pages for the proposed Supplemental Grant.

#### **TEA Staff Roster**

Applicants are required to complete the TEA Staff Roster form. It is available for download from the Summary Tab in GMS. The completed form must be uploaded in GMS to the Documents tab.

# **Applicant's Documents**

Below is a list of documents that the applicant is responsible for preparing and uploading to their application. For examples/templates of some of these documents, please refer to the Summary tab. Retain the original hard copy documents for potential CalRecycle audits. See Audit Considerations Section of the Procedures and Requirements for more information.

### **Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (CAP)**

Indirect costs must be supported with an Indirect Cost Allocation Plan submitted in the grantee's grant application.

If indirect costs are not included in the budget, there is no requirement to submit a CAP.

Upload a Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP)-compliant Cost Allocation Plan to the Documents Tab in GMS. The CAP details how your organization will allocate Indirect Costs charged to this grant. The CAP must be obtained from your jurisdiction's accounting department. Indirect costs will be disallowed unless an approvable CAP is submitted.

Indirect costs may not exceed 20% of the total direct costs in the approved budget. Grantees shall allocate and request reimbursement for Indirect Costs according to the jurisdiction's cost allocation methodology.

### **Applicant's Required Authorization Documents**

Below is a list of required authorizing documents by application type that the applicant is responsible for preparing and uploading to their application.

Authorizing documents are documents which are written by the applicant. The documents give the applicant permission to apply for a grant, accept grant awards, and/or name the person authorized to sign grant documents on the applicant's behalf. Below are the requirements for each type of authorizing document. Read each one carefully to determine which document(s) fits your application and applicant type.

**Note:** For Resolution, Letter of Authorization, Letter of Designation, and Letter of Support templates, refer to the <u>Resolution and Letter Examples</u> (https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/SampleDocs) web page. CalRecycle staff are available to answer questions about the Resolution or to review your draft Resolution to

Applications Guidelines and Instructions Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement (TEA) Grant Program, Cycle 32 (FY 2024– 25) ensure it meets the requirements of the grant program. You may email your draft Resolution to grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov.

### **Individual Application Authorization Documents**

If subject to a governing body and board approval is required to legally bind the applicant, the applicant must submit a Resolution no later than the secondary due date or CalRecycle will deem the application incomplete and disqualify the applicant.

#### The Resolution must:

- 1. Authorize submittal of an application for one or more specifically named CalRecycle Grant(s) or for all CalRecycle Grants.
- 2. Identify the job titles of the Signature Authorities authorized to sign all grant-related documents necessary to secure funds and implement the approved project(s). The Resolution may also include language authorizing the Signature Authorities to delegate authority to additional job titles.
  - **a.** Applicants can only submit a Letter of Designation if the corresponding Resolution includes designee language.
- 3. Identify the time period during which the authorizations are valid. The minimum duration is the grant term, and the maximum duration is five years from the date of adoption. If the Resolution expires during the application period or the grant term, CalRecycle will require a new valid Resolution.
- **4.** Be certified by the governing body.

**Note:** The Signature Authority must sign a Letter of Designation **prior** to the designee's exercise of their authority.

# TEA Collaborative Application Authorization Documents TEA Collaborative Lead Participant

Applicant must submit a Resolution no later than the secondary due date or CalRecycle will deem the application incomplete and disqualify the applicant.

#### The Resolution must:

- 1. Authorize submittal of a Collaborative Application on behalf of itself as Lead Participant and all Non-Lead Participants for the Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Program.
- 2. Include a provision allowing a Signature Authority to determine and submit a list of Non-Lead Participants in accordance with CalRecycle requirements.
- 3. Authorize the Lead Participant to perform enforcement/compliance and surveillance activities of entities and/or individuals involved with the waste tire industry.
- **4.** Identify the job titles of the Signature Authorities authorized to sign all grant-related documents necessary to secure funds and implement the approved project(s). The Resolution may also include language authorizing the Signature Authorities to delegate authority to additional job titles.
  - **a.** Applicants can only submit a Letter of Designation if the corresponding Resolution includes designee language.

- **5.** Identify the time period during which the authorizations are valid. The minimum duration is the grant term, and the maximum duration is five years from the date of adoption. If the Resolution expires during the application period or the grant term, CalRecycle will require a new valid resolution.
- **6.** Be certified by the governing body.

### TEA Collaborative Non-Lead Participant

Applicant must submit a Non-Lead Resolution no later than the secondary due date or CalRecycle will remove the Non-Lead Participant(s) from the application.

#### The Resolution must:

- 1. Authorize the Lead Participant to submit a Collaborative application as Lead Participant on behalf of the Non-Lead Participant for the Local Government Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Program.
- Authorize the Lead Participant to perform enforcement/compliance and surveillance activities of entities involved with the waste tire industry in the Non-Lead Participant's jurisdiction.
- **3.** State that the Non-Lead Participant will not perform enforcement/compliance and surveillance activities in its own jurisdiction.
- **4.** Authorize the Lead Participant to execute all documents necessary to implement the Grant.
- **5.** Identify the time period during which the authorizations are valid. The minimum duration is the grant term, and the maximum duration is five years from the date of adoption. If the Resolution expires during the application period or the grant term, CalRecycle will require a new valid resolution.
- **6.** Be certified by the governing body.

#### Letter of Designation

CalRecycle requires a Letter of Designation (LOD) only when the Signature Authority identified in the approved Resolution chooses to delegate their signature authority to another person. The applicant must upload the LOD **prior** to the designee's exercise of their authority. If the designee signs an application document in place of the Signature Authority, the applicant must upload the LOD with their application.

#### The LOD must:

- 1. Be on Applicant's letterhead.
- **2.** Reference the Authorizing Resolution by number.
- 3. Include the job title of the designee and the scope of the designee's authority.
- **4.** Include the time period during which the designee may exercise the authority.
- **5.** Be signed and dated by the Signature Authority.

The designee's authority may not extend beyond the effective date of the approved Resolution. For example, if the Resolution is effective until December 31, 2025, then the Letter of Designation may not be effective beyond December 31, 2025.

# **Electronic and Original Signatures**

CalRecycle requires certified e-Signature or original wet signature on documents or forms that certify legally binding information.

**Note:** E-signatures must include the first and last name of the Signature Authority, be in the Adobe Digital ID format (or through another certified digital signature program) and cannot be completed using the "Fill and Sign" function within Adobe. Any document using the "Fill and Sign" function is considered incomplete and may be sent back to the applicant.

Once the document(s) have been signed by the Signature Authority, upload the digitally signed document, or scan the wet signature and save it to GMS. Retain the original document for potential CalRecycle audits. See Audit Considerations Section of the Procedures and Requirements document for more information.

If you have questions, email <a href="mailto:grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov">grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov</a>.

# **Grant Review and Award Process**

# **Grant Application Review Process**

After the close of the application period, CalRecycle staff will review the applications for completeness and eligibility. Only complete applications will be considered for award. If total grant requests received exceed \$6,250,000.00, grant awards will be adjusted so the total awarded does not exceed the total funding available.

CalRecycle staff will verify the applicant's qualifying population to set a potential base grant award as follows:

- \$70,000 for applicants with qualifying populations less than or equal to 99,999.
- \$90,000 for applicants with qualifying populations 100,000 through 499,999.
- \$130,000 for applicants with qualifying populations 500,000 through 1,000,000.
- \$210,000 for applicants with qualifying populations of 1,000,001 or more.

CalRecycle staff may also consider the following information to determine the recommended award amount for each applicant:

- The number of active permitted sites and other businesses with TPID numbers.
- The number of priority inspections identified by CalRecycle.
- Known threats to public health and safety or the environment.
- The number of illegal waste tire dumpsites identified in previous grant cycles.
- Grant funds expended in previous grant cycles.
- The number of inspections completed in previous grant cycles.
- Enforcement and field patrolling activities in previous grant cycles.
- The results of the Grantee's Performance Evaluation.

### **Grant Award Process**

For qualifying applications, CalRecycle staff will develop funding recommendations for the consideration and approval of CalRecycle's Director, or their designee; CalRecycle tentatively schedules this for February/March 2025. CalRecycle reserves the right to

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partially fund or fund individual phases of selected proposals, and CalRecycle may fund an amount less than requested.

CalRecycle reserves the right to not award any grant funds under one or more cycles.

### **Grant Award Conditions**

When awarded, this grant will be subject to two conditions:

- 1. The recommended grantee must pay all outstanding debts due to CalRecycle, or bring current outstanding payments owed to CalRecycle, within 60 days of the award email date.
- 2. The recommended grantee's Signature Authority (or their delegated signature authority) must sign and return the Grant Agreement to CalRecycle. CalRecycle must receive the signed Grant Agreement within 60 days of the date of the award email.

Failure to comply with either condition will void the grant award.

# **Grant Program Administration**

# **Grant Agreement**

The Grant Agreement binds the Grantee to CalRecycle's requirements as outlined in the Grant Agreement documents. CalRecycle will send the Grant Agreement Cover Sheet electronically to allow for a certified e-signature using Adobe Sign.

These documents shall guide the grantee's administration of the grant project.

Following CalRecycle's conditional approval of the grant awards, we will email grantees the information below.

- Award email
- Grant Agreement Cover Sheet (CalRecycle 110)
  - To be signed by the grantee (this is the Lead Participant in individual or collaborative applications).
- Exhibit A: Terms and Conditions
  - Contain CalRecycle's standard legal requirements for grants.
- Exhibit B: Procedures and Requirements
  - o Contain specific requirements for administering this grant, including but not limited to project, reporting, and audit requirements.
- Exhibit C: Grantee's approved application with revisions, if any, and any amendments
- e-Signature Instructions for Awardees
  - Contains instruction on how to sign the Grant Agreement Cover Sheet using Adobe Sign.

# **Reporting Process**

CalRecycle requires grantees to report on the progress of their grant on February 26, 2026 and September 30, 2026. The Procedures and Requirements document contains detailed reporting information and deadlines.

# **Payment Request Process**

CalRecycle will retain 10 percent of each approved Payment Request amount until the Grant Manager approves the Final Report, the final Payment Request, and all required supporting documentation. The Procedures and Requirements document contains detailed payment information.